

Table C4. Coal Production by Company, 1980-2001 (short tons)

	Beartooth Coal Co. ¹	Coal Creek Mining Co.	Decker Coal ²		Kennecott Energy (previously Spring Creek Coal) ³	Peabody Coal Co.	P.M. Coal Co. (Mountain, Inc in 1995-97) ⁴	Red Lodge Coal Co.	Storm King Coal Mining Co. ⁵	Blaine Warburton (owner)	Westmoreland (previously Knife River Coal) ⁶	Westmoreland ⁷	Westmoreland (previously Western Energy Co.) ⁸	TOTAL
County	Carbon	Powder River	Big Horn	Big Horn	Big Horn	Rosebud	Musselshell	Carbon	Musselshell	Blaine	Richland	Big Horn	Rosebud	
1980	7,321	64,398	5,576,607	5,616,695	118,660	2,964,359	11,189		8,571		305,578	4,905,262	10,401,972	29,980,612
1981		64,142	5,350,113	5,331,626	4,368,885	3,193,570	7,404		8,165		204,492	4,450,296	10,352,966	33,331,659
1982		16,608	4,914,970	4,884,920	1,352,181	2,891,428	15,141		8,062		171,556	4,158,578	9,424,857	27,838,301
1983			5,040,018	5,308,799	2,102,606	2,571,861	11,655		5,896		206,543	3,868,844	9,544,062	28,660,284
1984			5,019,186	5,278,365	2,962,008	3,945,865	15,865		16,379		236,954	3,621,544	11,957,724	33,053,890
1985			5,191,701	6,149,987	2,837,037	3,336,907	21,400		3,251		212,654	3,112,595	12,275,351	33,140,883
1986			5,397,476	6,706,592	4,664,238	2,594,306	23,915			276	252,754	2,028,595	12,074,698	33,742,850
1987			4,042,597	6,355,523	6,557,228	3,234,538	14,495	900		305	290,264	1,858,315	12,022,894	34,377,059
1988			3,655,067	7,068,653	4,704,442	3,788,137	15,542			248	227,603	3,304,822	16,155,867	38,920,381
1989			3,582,885	6,495,027	5,979,405	3,715,325	15,760			96	295,089	4,011,156	13,677,234	37,771,977
1990			2,595,829	6,602,744	7,133,285	3,602,851	14,307				234,010	4,471,345	12,800,898	37,455,269
1991			2,408,968	7,576,380	6,740,401	3,104,829	12,202				282,641	4,101,847	13,802,840	38,030,108
1992			2,621,326	9,323,561	6,641,332	2,212,071	9,235				247,155	3,490,797	14,347,159	38,892,636
1993			2,864,005	7,940,085	7,175,434	2,518,117	11,182				290,928	3,224,143	11,909,423	35,933,317
1994			2,787,908	7,726,969	9,934,305	3,053,125	2,600				323,381	4,363,500	13,390,492	41,582,280
1995			1,802,249	8,475,335	8,512,520	4,708,970	4,128				297,290	4,425,759	11,260,339	39,486,590
1996			601,544	10,388,948	9,015,361	4,984,352	151,024				256,476	4,668,021	7,775,391	37,841,117
1997			1,911,702	9,961,746	8,306,306	4,334,750	24,023				249,593	7,051,062	8,927,138	40,766,320
1998			1,583,454	8,892,053	11,312,935	3,468,192					329,038	6,458,279	10,251,547	42,564,760
1999			1,973,954	8,904,115	10,994,827	2,867,223					274,695	5,466,678	10,362,062	41,103,261
2000			2,465,352	7,466,814	11,301,905	1,404,139					371,971	4,910,907	10,173,297	38,307,961
2001			1,207,580	8,254,718	9,664,969	2,569,541					346,355	5,904,724	11,051,692	39,231,408

¹ Underground mine.

² Decker Coal Co. is a 50-50 joint venture between Peter Kiewit Sons' and Kennecott Energy Company. Kennecott purchased the share held by NERCO, a PacifiCorp subsidiary, in 1993.

³ Kennecott Energy Co. purchased NERCO, a Pacific Power and Light subsidiary which owned Spring Creek Coal, in 1993.

⁴ RBM Mining Inc. did contract mining at this site from 1991 to 1994. Both underground and strip mining have been done at this site.

⁵ Prior to a change in ownership in 1983, this was called the Divide Coal Mining Company.

⁶ Lignite mine. It was purchased from Knife River Coal Co., a subsidiary of MDU Resources Group, in 2001.

⁷ The Absaloka Mine (also known as Sarpy Creek Mine) is operated by Washington Group International (previously Morrison-Knudsen).

⁸ Purchased from Montana Power Company in 2001. Since 1990, includes over 200,000 tons per year of waste coal sold to CELP generation plant.

Note: Total production is slightly different than in other coal tables. The data come from a state, rather than federal, source.

Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Workers' Compensation Division (1978-2001).